

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 372

By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. James H. McKenzie
for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their personal efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. James H. McKenzie, a native of Tullahoma; Mr. McKenzie will be honored as "Mr. Democrat" on January 27, 2000 by The Highland Rim Democratic Club in Coffee County at the annual membership banquet; and

WHEREAS, James McKenzie served his country in the 83rd Infantry Division in Europe during World War II, and after 35 years of unparalleled service, retired with a rank of major; and

WHEREAS, since 1946, Mr. McKenzie has been a devoted member of the Democratic party; greatly influenced by the late Dr. Jack Farrar, Mr. McKenzie served as past president of The Highland Rim Democratic Club and was instrumental in organizing both the Coffee County Democratic Women and Young Democrats; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work as the awards and installation chairman of The Highland Rim Democrats, and as a charter member of the Coffee County Industrial Board, James McKenzie still finds time to lend his remarkable talents to such notable causes as serving the Coffee County Executive Committee as a representative, and assisting with successful fundraising campaigns in Coffee County for Vice President Al Gore; and

WHEREAS, he has served with probity as president of the Tullahoma Lions Club, which honored him as a recipient of the Lions Club International Melvin Jones Award, and, in 1997, he was duly honored by receiving the Tullahoma Lifetime Achievement and Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKenzie epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; he served on the Tullahoma Board of Mayor and Aldermen for 17 years and was a committed president of the Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, he played an integral role in establishing Motlow College in the area, and has worked in numerous election campaigns on the state, county, and city levels, including former Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter's gubernatorial campaign, and the write- in campaign for Senator Charlotte Burks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKenzie retired from the retail business after 20 years; he was also the general manager of the Coffee County CATV for 17 years, a partner in WTNX radio in Moore County, and general manager of a Tullahoma/Coffee County cable business; and

WHEREAS, James McKenzie is most grateful for the love and encouragement he shares with his wife Martha, and is the doting father of four children, Mike, Scott, Kevin, and Dana, and proud stepfather of Jan Worley, and Robin Bailey; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it expedient to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. McKenzie for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend James H. McKenzie for his service to the state of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.